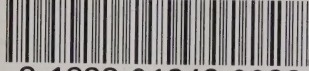


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ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN
of
WEATHERSFIELD
VERMONT

For the Year Ending
DECEMBER 31, 1963

PLEASE COME TO THE TOWN MEETING AND BRING THIS REPORT

INTERSTATE 91 TAKES TENNEY HOUSE

The Tenney House has long been an attraction to people travelling Route 131 between Ascutney and Perkinsville in the Town of Weathersfield. This brick Victorian Gothic house with its diamond paned windows and the gingerbread trim (even the weathered ell of the house, together with the assorted buildings) have made many a passerby long to restore the place to its former grandeur.

Such is its charm, that many a tourist has stopped at the farmhouse beyond to ask Phillip Jarvis "Who owns that house on the corner. Is it for sale?" or to comment, "Why hasn't someone restored it?"

Photographers have loved the romantic appeal of the old brick house, photographed for this cover by C. A. Murray. Ancient maple trees guard it from the highway. In the fall, red and yellow maple leaves frame the house while over the winter-snow tree shadows, like black etchings, move softly across the buildings. And in spring the sap buckets hung on the trees give a special old time touch.

Romaine E. Tenney, one of the nine children of Myron O. and Rosa E. Tenney, raised on this homestead, is the last member of the family to live in the house and carry on the farm. He recalls there used to be a porch with a flat roof across the front of the house and a family pleasure was to sit on this porch roof and look-away-down the Connecticut River valley.

At one time there were false dormer windows on the house. "Chicken coops" Romaine Tenney called them but when the roof was resingled they left the chicken coops off.

Weathersfield Land Records reveal: Rosa E. Tenney was decreed a homestead interest, an undivided third part of the Myron O. Tenney estate, March 30, 1917. There were nine children, five sons and four daughters, who each inherited an undivided ninth part of two-thirds thereof, thus complicating settling the estate.

Myron O. Tenney purchased the property, April 1, 1892 from Jennie A. and Harry Pierce of Greenfield, Massachusetts. The same year Jennie Pierce got it from George and Catherine L. Pierce. Abby B. Haskell, widow of Perry Haskell of Weathersfield, deeded the farm to Catherine L. Pierce on July 30, 1888.

According to stories heard by Peter Jarvis, the Pierces made extensive renovations on the house and installed the diamond paned windows.

There used to be eight stone posts with octagonal railings by the roadside. Leonard Wilgus, brother of Colonel William Wilgus, wanted the old stone posts and offered \$100. for them, but Mrs. Tenney wouldn't sell them to him. So, Mr. Wilgus instructed Peter Jarvis to try and buy them...said he'd pay up to \$200., but Peter couldn't buy them either.

Other owners of the property were Isaac Litchfield and Pliny and Elizabeth Gay. A John H. Billings of New York City purchased the property in 1843. In his book about Early Weathersfield Inhabitants, Ernest Butterfield says a Billings built the house.

Mrs. Anna Billings Clark of Perkinsville, daughter of the late Albert T. Billings, recalled: "All I know about the house is...a relative built it...a cousin ...When Father and I would drive past, he would always point it out and say: 'There is where one of our ancestors lived.'"

Betty G. Murray, P.O., Perkinsville, Vt.

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WEATHERSFIELD TOWN OFFICERS 1963

Moderator -----	Melvin R. Butterfield
Town Clerk -----	Elizabeth G. Murray
Selectman to 1964 -----	Irving A. McCoy
Selectman to 1965 -----	Philip H. Woodbury
Selectman to 1966 -----	Delmer M. Kelley
School Director to 1964 -----	Roger Eastman
School Director to 1965 -----	Roald Cann
School Director to 1966 -----	Helen W. May
Road Commissioner -----	Daniel P. Jarvis
Lister to 1964 -----	Michael J. Kamel
Lister to 1965 -----	Walter O. Murray
Lister to 1966 -----	Thelma P. Hoisington
Auditor to 1964 -----	Bernice R. Hill
Auditor to 1965 -----	Davis B. Keniston
Auditor to 1966 -----	(resigned) Vera G. Murray
Auditor to 1964 -----	(by appointment) Marjorie Foster
Treasurer -----	Irene P. Hoyt
Overseer of Poor -----	Everett E. Bryant
Trustee of Public Money to 1964 -----	Helen W. May
Trustee of Public Money to 1965 -----	Andrew A. Titcomb
Trustee of Public Money to 1966 -----	Percy I. Bliss
Tax Collector -----	John L. Hurd
First Constable -----	Richard A. Connor
Second Constable -----	Robert Z. Gale
Town Agent -----	(resigned) Herman S. Young
Town Grand Juror -----	Leon W. Cleveland
Cemetery Commissioner to 1964 -----	Andrew A. Titcomb
Cemetery Commissioner to 1965 -----	Clarence H. Martin
Cemetery Commissioner to 1966 -----	Grace Stevens
Cemetery Commissioner to 1967 -----	Louise W. Covell
Cemetery Commissioner to 1968 -----	Claude T. Butterfield
Library Trustee to 1964 -----	Angelina J. Hurd
Library Trustee to 1965 -----	Eliza J. Connor
Library Trustee to 1966 -----	Melvin R. Butterfield
Library Trustee to 1967 -----	Grace M. Stillson
Library Trustee to 1968 -----	Muriel F. Raymond

OFFICERS BY APPOINTMENT:

Assistant Town Clerks -----	C. A. Murray; Helen W. May
Assistant Treasurer -----	Perley L. Hoyt
Chairman of Civil Defense -----	Percy I. Bliss
Assistant Chairman of Civil Defense -----	Richard A. Connor
Tree Warden and Fire Warden -----	Percy I. Bliss
Fire Warden -----	John T. Connor
Fence Viewers -----	Alan Hitchcock, Walter O. Murray, Perley L. Hoyt
Administrative Officer Sign Control Ordinance -----	Andrew A. Titcomb
Truant Officers -----	Richard A. Connor; Roger Eastman
Health Officer -----	(to October 1st, 1966) - Elsie H. Johnson, L.P.N.
Trustees Martin Memorial Hall -----	

Donald Scribner, Mary A. Jenness, Elizabeth G. Murray

ELECTED AT GENERAL ELECTION, November 6th, 1962:

Weathersfield Town Representative ----- Henry N. Hicks
Justices of the Peace: 2 years ending January 31, 1965:
 Percy I. Bliss; Norman J. Corey; Charles A. Murray; Walter O. Murray;
 Robert M. Smurl; Herman S. Young; and Leon W. Cleveland.

WEATHERSFIELD TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 1963

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield and Town School District met in the Town Hall in Weathersfield, Vermont on Tuesday, March 5, 1963 at 10 A.M. and at a quiet, fast moving meeting conducted the following business: Melvin R. Butterfield, moderator, called the meeting together, read the warning and declared the ballot box open.

ARTICLE 1. Melvin R. Butterfield was re-elected moderator and Elizabeth G. Murray was re-elected town clerk.

ARTICLE 2. The town voted to grant the sale of malt and vinous beverages with 59 YES votes and 17 NO votes. It voted the sale of spirituous beverages with 54 YES and 21 NO votes. The vote under this article was by ballot and a check list was used. The ballot box was opened at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 3:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to accept the reports of town officers.

Henry N. Hicks, town representative, reported on some of the bills coming before the legislature. He mentioned particularly the Simpson Plan for Schools which would cut school aid in towns like Weathersfield as well as the Highway Bill that would eliminate some of the State Aid to towns for roads. He feels that a spendthrift state is trying to take money away from thrifty towns. He also pointed out he was opposed to the bill for County appraisers who would overrule town listers and Boards of Civil Authority and the only recourse would be appeal to the Supreme Court. And he asked, "How many of us could afford to go to them?"

ARTICLE 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen and the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to pay the Town Treasurer, in lieu of the statutory 1%, a straight salary of \$2,400.00 for the year which will include travel expenses and to pay other town officers \$1.25 an hour and \$.08 a mile for travel on town business.

ARTICLE 6. See Weathersfield Town Officers for those elected or appointed. J. Philip Stapleton, president of the Perkinsville Parent Teacher Group, said: "Mr. Moderator, I'd like to bring to the attention of the voters that Esther Young has just completed eight years of devoted and unexcelled service to our town. During these years that Esther has been a director of our public schools, our children have benefited by her talents, her special training and her generous giving of her personal time."

"I am certain that I represent the parents and teachers when I say, 'Thank you, Esther, yours is a job well done'. Some friends of hers have provided a corsage and it was going to please me to pin it on her coat...but since she is ill at home I'll give it to her husband, Herman Young, and ask him to pin it on her."

Following the election of officers, Walter O. Murray, Weathersfield lister for over 25 years, and whose birthday was on Town Meeting day, was surprised when Sara Woodbury, daughter of selectman, Philip H. Woodbury, came walking up to the stage carrying a festive cake lettered "Happy Birthday Walter". Moderator Butterfield announced it was Walter Murray's birthday and requested Mrs. Perley Hoyt, Treasurer, to lead the voters in singing "Happy Birthday".

ARTICLE 7. Voted to appropriate \$600.00 for the Proctor Library and the Perkinsville Branch; \$50.00 of this sum to be used for the purchase of books to be added to the War Memorial Library.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent tax payers and amounts due from each.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to authorize the School Directors to pay up to the amount required by Springfield for secondary tuition for the school year 1963-1964.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to accept the sum of \$50.00 from the Estate of Carrie A. Upham to be added to a \$50.00 trust fund already accepted for the perpetual care of the Joshua Upham lot at the Plain Cemetery.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to accept the fund of \$200.00 from Clifton R. and Edward V. Bradish in trust, the income only to be used for the perpetual care of the Bradish-Shattuck lot at the Plain Cemetery.

ARTICLE 12. Voted to accept a trust fund of \$100.00 in memory of William P. Covell for the perpetual care of the Lucius G. Covell lot at the Plain Cemetery in conjunction with the \$100.00 already accepted by the Town.

ARTICLE 13. Voted we do not authorize the Selectmen to contribute the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of participating in the defense of the suit challenging the right of each Town to elect one Representative to the House of Representatives, instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Vermont, such fund to be administered by the Committee to defend the Vermont Constitution.

ARTICLE 14. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000. to be used in conjunction with State Funds for building approximately one mile of hard surface on the Center Road, these funds to be matched by the State, their share being \$4,000.00.

ARTICLE 15. Voted the sum of \$800.00 for resealing and repair of approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of black top on the Center and the Mountain Roads. (These funds if voted to be matched by the State their share being \$1,600.00).

ARTICLE 16. Voted \$3,000.00 for the construction of a bridge, referred to as the Hammond bridge, over Branch Brook. The estimated cost of the bridge being \$15,000.00 the state pays 80% and the town's share is 20%.

ARTICLE 17. Voted the sum of \$4,000.00 to pay the difference between the minimum cost of the School Directors were able to negotiate for the construction of the Ascutney School Addition and the previously authorized bond issue plus the State Aid.

ARTICLE 18. Voted the sum of \$1,400.00 to be used toward making the basement of the Ascutney School Addition suitable for hot lunch kitchen and eating space.

ARTICLE 19. Voted we do not allow a 4% discount on all taxes paid prior to becoming delinquent.

ARTICLE 20. Voted the tax rate of \$6.96 divided as follows:

General Fund	\$1.18
Highways	.30
Winter Roads	.32
Equipment	.20
Deficit	.50
Total	<u>\$2.50</u>
Schools	4.46
Total Tax	<u>\$6.96</u>

Recessed for lunch served by the Weathersfield Center ladies.

ARTICLE 21. Voted to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute:
To pay taxes to Town Treasurer.

To have poll taxes due May 15 and delinquent after May 31.

To have real and personal property taxes due August 1 and delinquent after November 1.

To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one-half percent per month or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 22. Percy I. Bliss, chairman of Civil Defense gave a report on the fine Civil Defense organization operating in the town and told of the program of Communications with four radio units in town for Civil Defense.

Philip Stapleton introduced two motions which were both approved.

1. Voted the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee to study the town report and recommend improvements including the use of charts and comparison figures.

2. Voted the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee to study and set up a budget system for the Selectmen and the general fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. but the liquor balloting continued until 3:00 p.m. with officers in charge remaining to tally the ballots.

Elizabeth G. Murray
Weathersfield Town Clerk

AUDITORS' BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUNDS

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 1962</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 1963</u>
Treasurer's Cash on Hand		\$ 1,141.44
Checking Account	\$ 15.83	4,019.71
Tax Collector	337.42	- "
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	4,573.42	4,342.13
Forest Fire Refund Due	211.50	2,066.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 5,138.17	\$11,569.28
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Notes Payable	15,000.00	15,000.00
Finn & Stone	235.75	
Social Security	413.20	
Total Liabilities	\$15,648.95	\$15,000.00
Deficit	\$10,510.78	\$ 3,430.72

SCHOOL FUND

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 1962</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 1963</u>
Cash on Hand	-	-
Cash in checking account	\$ 1,616.19	\$ 31.59
Due from Building Account	4,025.51	-
	\$ 5,641.70	\$ 31.59
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Tax overpayment	41.79	-
Bank Balance	1,271.12	31.59
Cash	-	-
	\$ 1,312.91	\$ 31.59
Surplus	\$ 4,328.79	\$ 31.59

NOTE: - 1963

As a result of \$3,466.86 "earlier than usual" flood loss payments received in 1963 the Selectmen's Fund received \$1,245. more than expected and the School Fund \$2,470. more than expected.

AUDITORS' STATEMENT

In accordance with Section 3593Vs as amended, we have verified the existence of stated cash balances, inspected all securities, and, to the best of our knowledge, the following financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial position of the Town of Weathersfield on December 31, 1963 and an accurate record of funds handled in the year then ended.

Bernice A. Hill
Davis B. Keniston
Marjorie Foster

AUDITORS

AUDITORS' WRITTEN REPORT

At the 1963 annual Town Meeting, under Article 22, two motions were passed which directly affect the contents and presentation of this and future Town Reports. 1. The Selectmen were instructed to appoint a committee to study the Town Report and make recommendations for improvements. 2. The Selectmen were instructed to prepare a budget for the General Fund. A study committee was appointed; which was composed of the Selectmen, the auditors, the Tax Collector and Philip Stapleton. The study committee further contacted the Auditor of Accounts, Mr. David Anderson, who, very kindly and at considerable effort, supplied a detailed criticism of the 1962 Weathersfield Town Report. This included the "Nuquist rating" by which all Vermont Town Reports are scored. The Weathersfield report scored 41 out of 80 possible points, or about 50%. The commentary dealt wholly with the financial reports, no criticisms were made in respect to any written report.

The study committee made its findings and suggested a number of changes to the auditors. Without going into great detail here, the changes have been incorporated in the financial reports. The committee further recommended changes and improvements which could be made to the next year's report due to the lack of time to bring them about this year.

Under Article 17 of the present warning the voters were asked to approve the hiring of an auditor from the State Auditor's Office. The Town Auditors wish to recommend that this article be passed. At the present time the audit of the town's books and the preparation of the Town Report takes about 300 hours of work. Inasmuch as 90% of this work must be crammed into the four short weeks between the closing of the books after the first of the year and the deadline date at the printer's, it can be readily seen that there are hardly enough hours to perform this task considering the fact that the auditors have full time jobs during the daytime. It is hoped that the services of the State Auditor will result in recommendations for improved auditing methods and recommendations for improving the manner in which town financial reports are presently submitted for audit. If these improvements are possible, savings in the cost of auditing should result along with an improved audit.

DELINQUENT TAX STATEMENT

JANUARY 1, 1964

Delinquent Taxes, Jan. 1, 1963	\$ 4,573.42
1963 Polls Delinquent	1,387.36
1963 R.E. & P.P. Delinquent	<u>6,116.42</u>
	\$12,077.20
Delinquent Taxes Abated	<u>146.59</u>
	\$11,930.61
Collected in 1963	<u>7,588.48</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes, Jan. 1, 1964	\$ 4,342.13

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1963	\$ 337.42
Principal of Taxes Collected	7,588.48
Interest on Taxes Collected	<u>236.88</u>
	\$ 8,162.78

Paid to Treasurer \$8,162.78

S U M M A R Y

<u>Year</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>	<u>Polls</u>	<u>Total</u>
1960	\$ 82.00			\$ 82.00
1961	130.00			130.00
1962	373.13	\$ 34.17	\$ 32.13	439.43
1963	<u>3,034.82</u>	<u>528.82</u>	<u>127.06</u>	<u>3,690.70</u>
Totals	\$3,619.95	\$562.99	\$159.19	\$4,342.13

John L. Hurd
Tax Collector,
Weathersfield, Vt.

DELINQUENT TAXES AS OF FEB. 5, 1964

POLLS

Abbott, William R.	1963	\$ 11.96
Abbott, Patricia H.	1963	11.96
Cutting, Robert G.	1962	10.19
Cutting, Robert G.	1963	11.96
Jacobs, Henry A.	1963	9.46
Rash, Erwin E.	1962	10.97
Rash, Beulah R.	1962	10.97
Towle, Bernard W.	1963	11.96
Towle, Mary K.	1963	<u>11.96</u>

\$101.39

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

	<u>Year</u>	<u>R.E.</u>	<u>P.P.</u>
Adams, Charles & Marjorie	1963	10.44	
Allen, Claude & Magilla	1962	29.85	
Allen, Claude & Magilla	1963	20.88	
Ascutney Woodworking & Supply	1963	382.80	80.74
Buker Airways	1963	17.40	
Bullard, Jane	1963	215.76	2.44
Claghorn, David & Constance	1963	80.04	
Driscoll, Eugene	1963		38.08
Emery, Max	1960	82.00	
Jarvis, Shirley Estate	1961	130.00	
Jarvis, Shirley Estate	1962	119.40	
Jarvis, Shirley Estate	1963	139.20	
King, Trumbull & Christine	1963	243.60	
LaRiccía, Louis & Victoria	1963		60.61
Lewis, Charles & Marion	1963	1.74	
McMurray, June H.	1963	243.60	
Proctor, Earl L.	1963		13.92
Rabtoy, Chauncey	1963		55.68
Raymond, Peter	1963	48.72	
Standen, Donald G.	1963	125.28	
Stillwell, Lloyd	1963	13.92	
Tenney, Rose Estate	1963	118.32	
Top Hat Inc.	1963	522.00	69.60
Towle, Bernard & Mary	1963	52.20	
Tri-State Timberland Corp.	1963	7.66	
Yatsevich, Peter & Neillie	1963	87.00	
		<u>\$2,691.81</u>	<u>\$321.07</u>

\$3,012.88

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED 1963

GRAND LIST

Total Real Estate Value	\$ 1,936,278.00
Exempt	16,850.00
Total Taxable R.E.	1,919,428.00
Personal Property	106,728.00
Total Value	2,026,156.00
1% of Total	20,261.56
709 Taxable Polls at \$1.00	709.00
GRAND LIST	\$ 20,970.56

TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:

Property and Polls	
School Fund (\$20,970.56 x 4.46)	\$ 93,528.70
General Fund (\$20,970.56 x 1.18)	24,745.26
Highway Fund (\$20,970.56 x .30)	6,291.17
Winter Roads (\$20,970.56 x .32)	6,710.58
Equipment (\$20,970.56 x .20)	4,194.11
Deficit (\$20,970.56 x .50)	10,485.28
Total (\$20,970.56 x 6.96) =	\$ 145,955.10

Old Age Assist. 709 x 5.00	3,545.00
	\$ 149,500.10

Reimbursements for Flood Dam Losses

1962 Massachusetts	\$ 2,973.74
1962 Connecticut	2,378.99
1962 Vermont	594.74
1963 Connecticut	2,773.49
1963 Vermont	693.37

TOTAL TAXES BILLED

\$ 158,914.43

Taxes Accounted For

Collected by Treasurer to Nov. 1	
Real Estate and Personal Property	\$ 134,904.04
Poll Taxes	7,092.28
Delinquent R.E. and P.P. to Collector	6,116.42
Delinquent Polls to Collector	1,387.36
	\$ 149,500.10

Reimbursements for Flood Dam Losses:

1962	\$ 2,973.74
1962	2,378.99
1962	594.74
1963	2,773.49
1963	693.37
	\$ 158,914.43

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

School Bond Issue 1956/1974 -----	\$70,000.00
Total Principal Paid to Dec. 31, 1963 -----	32,000.00
Total Interest Paid to Dec. 31, 1963 -----	<u>10,507.50</u>
Total Annual Payments to Dec. 31, 1963-----	\$42,507.50
 School Bond Issue 1962/1982 -----	 \$41,000.00
Total Principal Paid to Dec. 31, 1963 -----	3,000.00
Total Interest Paid to Dec. 31, 1963 -----	<u>1,312.00</u>
Total Annual Payment -----	\$ 4,312.00
 Selectmen Equipment Note 1960/1970 -----	 \$20,000.00
Total Principal Paid to Dec. 31, 1963 -----	8,000.00
Total Interest Paid to Dec. 31, 1963 -----	<u>2,720.00</u>
Total Annual Payments to Dec. 31, 1963 -----	10,720.00
 Total Outstanding Long Term Indebtedness as of 1/1/64	 \$88,000.00
 1964 Principal Payments -----	 8,000.00
1964 Interest Payments -----	<u>2,506.00</u>
Total 1964 Payment -----	\$10,506.00
Equivalent to 50¢ on \$20,970.00 GRAND LIST	

T R E A S U R E R ' S S T A T E M E N T

R E C E I P T S :

Jan. 1, 1963	Cash on Hand	\$ 15.83
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Taxes

Total current property paid (Includes all depts.)	\$134,904.04	
Total flood loss reimbursement	9,414.33	
Current polls paid	7,092.28	
Delinquent taxes received from Coll.	7,919.29	
Interest on delinquent taxes	243.49	
Taxes abated as per meeting	146.59	
School tax refund due in 1962	41.79	
		\$159,761.81

Selectmen's Dept.

Dog licenses	754.00	
Liquor licenses	220.00	
Junk Yard licenses	100.00	
Rental for Martin Memorial Hall	247.30	
Fire Refunds	267.50	
Land Acquisition (CVPS)	150.00	
First Congregational Church - electricity	23.53	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance (cash)	739.09	
" " " " (payroll)	399.48	
Tax refunds, returned checks and refunds on bonds	1,239.85	
		\$ 4,140.75

Highway Department

State Aid as per Highway A/C	28,258.76	
Services and supplies	216.46	
Taxes due Highway General A/C	6,696.66	
" " " Winter "	7,143.10	
From Selectmen A/C		
Bridge Construction	64.20	
Earned with Equipment	6,742.50	
		49,121.68
<u>Special Equipment Fund</u>	Taxes due	4,464.44

Welfare Department

Repayments on accounts		156.00
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Total Revenue		\$217,660.51
Anticipatory Loans		\$ 2,500.00
Total Receipts		\$242,660.51

DISBURSEMENTS :

Selectmen's Department

Equipment Repair	\$ 3,263.51
Bridge Repair	397.79
Land Acquisition for roads	800.00
Cemetery	291.49
Fires including forest fires	3,557.25
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance	1,440.66
Interest on loans at 2-3/4%	1,154.60
Assessments	10,761.78
Officers' services	4,513.11
Officers' expenses	1,237.21
Town Office expense	1,508.33
Town Hall expense, rental on safety deposit box, Civil Defense radios and supplies, spraying and cutting trees, medical examiner, signs and advertising	373.70
Martin Memorial Hall	978.27
Fire Insurance	689.88
Social Security	410.37
Town Dump Account	986.04

Taxes due Highway A/C	13,839.76
" " Special Equip.	4,464.44
" " Regular School A/C.	93,529.98
" " School Building A/C	6,027.00
" abated as per meeting	146.59

\$150,371.76

Due Highway A/C:

Earned with equipment	6,742.50
Bridge work	64.20

6,806.70

Welfare Department

Cash paid out as per Orders	5,898.99	5,898.99
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Highway A/C

Disbursements as per orders	45,132.14
Blue Cross Ins. (Payroll)	399.48

45,531.62

Special Equipment Fund

Yearly payment on long term loan	2,000.00
Interest on above loan 4%	560.00
Disbursements as per A/C	1,323.75
Bank charges	6.54

Total Disbursements \$212,499.36

Repayment of Anticipatory Loans 25,000.00

Total Expenditures \$237,499.36

Jan. 1, 1964 Cash on Hand 1,141.44

Jan. 1, 1964 Checking Account 4,019.71

\$242,660.51

SELECTMEN'S REPORT AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The following subjects are discussed as items of general concern:

MARTIN MEMORIAL HALL: The Trustees of Martin Memorial Hall report that the Hall was used 37 times for a variety of activities: public suppers, Home Demonstration Groups, 4-H Dress review, parties, dances, Historical Society meeting, and Womens' club meetings. As well as for the following for which no charges were made: Annual firemens' meeting, Civil Defense Meetings, Weathersfield Zoning Committee Meetings, Scout Honor Court, Town Caucus, Weathersfield Citizens Association and Christmas Party. (Two of these groups voluntarily made contributions.)

The cost of operating the hall for 1963 was \$978.27 which included: Electricity \$92.19; Oil \$244.88; Gas \$32.77; Carpeting \$210.00; Janitor Service \$132.09; Plumbing \$6.00; Yard Light \$64.26 and Insurance \$196.08.

Receipts from hall rents for 1963 were \$373.51 of which \$126.21 was turned over to the treasurer in January 1964. The cost of the carpeting and the yard light are expenses which would not occur annually.

FOREST FIRE ON MT. ASCUTNEY: This fire, occurring in mid-summer, was confined to a small area, but required prolonged attention because of the nature of the ground and the unusually dry conditions. Costs were over \$3,000 but reimbursement from the state of some \$2,000 is expected.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION: The state withdrew its share of money previously approved for reconstruction of the Hammond Bridge in favor of another town in our district, thereby post-poning this project. A bridge on the Plains Road suffered traffic damage to an extent which necessitated its immediate replacement. With state cooperation a metal culvert was designed and installed without delay. Additional work remains to be done on this construction. Total cost of this project was estimated at \$6,000, the town's share being \$1,500.00.

CENTER ROAD CONSTRUCTION: Progress continued on this project through land acquisition and new construction which required heavy fill to straighten alignment and improve a dangerous intersection.

LAND ACQUISITION FOR SPRINGFIELD AIRPORT: The Town of Springfield has acquired additional land in Weathersfield for airport expansion.

JUNK YARDS: As the Hodgdon Brothers' yard on Route 5 had not been removed by the first of November as ordered by the County Court, the Board of Selectmen through the town's attorney issued a formal complaint to the Court against the proprietors. A court hearing has been held, but no decision has been made in the case.

In October the selectmen received an application from the Hodgdon Brothers for a junk yard license for a location on Ascutney Mountain. After a public hearing in November the selectmen denied the application. The applicants have recently appealed to the court relative to our decision and action is pending.

PROPOSED TAX RATE: The following tax rate is recommended for 1964. The grand list is estimated to be \$22,000.

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	
Selectmen's Fund	\$ 1.18	\$1.37	1.25
Highways	.30	.33	30
Winter Roads	.32	.35	34
Equipment	.20	.37	20
Deficit	.50	.16	16
Totals	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.58	

Respectfully submitted,

Irving A. McCoy
Philip H. Woodbury
Delmer M. Kelley
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SELECTMEN'S FUND

Schedule of Budgetary Operations

DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>1963</u>	<u>Estimated 1964</u>
ADMINISTRATION		
Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,513.11	\$ 5,000.00
Officers' Expense	1,237.21	1,325.00
Town Office Expense	1,508.33	1,750.00
GENERAL SERVICES		
Insurance	689.88	689.00
Public Welfare	5,898.99	6,650.00
Town Cemeteries	291.49	300.00
Fire Protection	3,557.25	500.00
Taxes and Assessments	10,761.78	9,770.00
Miscellaneous	373.70	400.00
Insurance (Blue Cross)	241.20	250.00
DEBT RETIREMENT		
Interest	1,154.60	1,000.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Town Dump	986.04	986.00
Martin Memorial	978.27	750.00
Social Security	410.37	430.00
Equipment Repair	2,363.79	2,000.00
Bridge Maintenance	397.79	1,900.00
Right-of-Way Acquisition	800.00	None
TOTAL	<u>\$36,163.80</u>	<u>\$33,700.00</u>

36163.80
33700.00
2463.80

HIGHWAY STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

Share of taxes - general	\$6,696.66	
- winter	<u>7,143.10</u>	\$13,839.76
State Aid		28,258.76
Miscellaneous Services		183.43
Earned with Equipment		6,742.50
Refund		33.03
Work on Bridges		<u>64.20</u>
		\$49,121.68

DISBURSEMENTS:

<u>Winter Work</u>		
Labor	\$ 6,410.89	
Repairs	1,546.58	
Gas & Oil	1,597.71	
Elec.	19.80	
Misc.	<u>521.88</u>	
	\$10,096.86	10,096.86

<u>Winter State Aid</u>		
Labor	\$ 289.95	
Supplies	<u>444.22</u>	
	\$ 734.17	734.17

<u>General</u>		
Labor	\$ 7,346.89	
Repairs	1,044.28	
Gas & Oil	2,189.91	
Elec.	25.88	
Bridges	137.55	
Misc.	<u>394.48</u>	
		11,138.99

<u>Unselected Roads</u>		
Connor	3,746.41	
Reservoir, Snide & Town Office	<u>8,346.86</u>	
		12,093.27

<u>State Aid Construction</u>		7,664.28
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<u>Taxes</u>		
Federal	\$ 1,777.19	
State	289.79	
Social Security	<u>1,337.59</u>	
		<u>3,404.57</u>
		\$45,132.14

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

<u>Receipts</u>		
Taxes: R.E. & POLLS & FLOODLOSS		4,464.44
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Equipment	1,323.75	1,323.75
Payment on long term note	2,000.00	
Interest on above note	<u>560.00</u>	2,560.00

OVERSEER'S REPORT

At the present time Surplus Food Commodities are being drawn for 87 persons. I have been drawing commodities for as many as 109 persons most of the year. The drop is due to the moving of two families from Weathersfield. Total output for the year was nearly Ten Ton.

	1963	1964
Summary 1963	Actual	Estimated
Medical & Hospital	\$2134.24	\$2,500.00
Groceries, Fuel, Lights, Rent	797.73	1,000.00
Government Surplus Food Distribution		
Monthly Freeze Locker	153.60	150.00
Gay's Express	250.31	250.00
Department of Social Welfare		
Aid to Dependent Children	727.52	800.00
Nursing Home care detail	1245.59	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	171.33	150.00
Service, Mileage & Expenses	<u>419.03</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$5899.25	\$6,650.00

Individual gifts during 1963 amounted to \$156.00.

Even though the Medical and Hospital expenses were slightly lower than in 1962 they along with the Nursing Home care detail are still our greatest issues. All Nursing Homes in the State have been reclassified during the year causing the rates to be higher now than they were at the beginning of the year.

I definitely feel that the Surplus Food Commodities being distributed each month are really a big factor in keeping the Overseer's expenses as low as they are.

Everett E. Bryant
Overseer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1963

CAMPBELL FUND

Balance January 1, 1963		\$7,218.25	
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Dividends		191.46	
Interest		47.50	
Capital Gains		176.28	\$ 7,633.49
	Disbursements		<u>607.14</u>
	Balance December 31		\$ 7,026.35
<u>Assets:</u>			
Treasury Notes		\$1,000.00	
220 Shares Geo. Putnam		3,064.60	
228 Shares Mass. Invest.		2,928.48	
Checking account		<u>33.27</u>	\$ 7,026.55

CONNOR FUND

Balance January 1, 1963		\$3,266.40	
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Dividends		50.00	
Capital Gains		80.00	
Interest		47.50	\$3,443.90
	Disbursements		<u>31.78</u>
	Balance December 31		\$3,412.12
<u>Assets:</u>			
Treasury Notes		\$1,000.00	
200 Shares American Mutual		1,888.00	
Checking account		<u>524.12</u>	\$3,412.12

HOISINGTON FUND

Balance January 1, 1963		\$2,684.83	
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Dividends		25.00	
Capital Gains		47.00	
Interest on Savings Acc't		<u>43.62</u>	\$2,800.45
	Disbursements		<u>135.96</u>
	Balance December 31		\$2,664.49
<u>Assets:</u>			
100 Shares Invest. Co. of Am.		\$1,034.00	
Savings Account		1,274.10	
Checking Account		<u>356.39</u>	\$2,664.49

Andrew A. Titcomb
Percy I. Bliss
Helen W. May
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Funds invested as follows:

U.S. Series G Bonds at 2½%, matured July 1963	\$ 1,000.00	
U.S. Treasury Bonds at 3½%	1,500.00	
U.S. Treasury Bonds at 4%	2,500.00	
U.S. Treasury Bonds at 4-3/4%	3,000.00	
518 shares George Putnam Fund	7,982.73	
178 shares Mass. Investors Trust	2,609.36	
Sav. Account Vt. Nat. & Sav. Bank	<u>12,360.81</u>	\$ 30,952.90

Income from Investments:

Interest from Series G Bond 2½%	12.50	
" " Treasury Notes 3½%	48.76	
" " " " 4%	100.00	
" " " " 4-3/4%	142.50	
Dividend G Putnam Fund	225.34	
Capital Gains " "	248.64	
Dividend M.I.T. Fund	74.76	
Capital Gains " "	54.25	
Interest Vt. Nat. & Sav. Bank	<u>250.65</u>	1,157.40

Other Income

1962 Dividends not credited	19.25	
Received for new Trust Funds	10,400.00	
Right of Way, Interstate Highway	<u>1.00</u>	11,577.65

Disbursements:

Withdrawn from Savings Account	700.00	
Purchase 3 shares M.I.T. Fund at \$13.50/share from Capital Gains above	<u>40.50</u>	740.50

Checking Account Receipts:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1963	25.92	
Transferred from Savings Account	<u>700.00</u>	725.92

Checking Account Disbursements:

For care of lots, Plain & Grout	469.18	
For cash acct. for Bow Cemetery	200.00	
Plants for Spafford Urns	10.05	
Social Security	27.06	
Bank charges	<u>3.03</u>	709.32
Balance in checking account:		\$ 16.60

PROCTOR LIBRARY STATEMENT

Balance - January 1, 1963

U. S. Bonds	\$ 3,000.00	
Checking account	130.36	
Cash on hand	<u>14.49</u>	\$ 3,144.85

Receipts:

Appropriation	600.00	
Interest	112.50	
Fines	<u>19.19</u>	
	731.69	3,876.54

Expenditures:

Salaries	257.80	
Utilities	355.29	
Books and magazines	26.75	
Maintenance	100.35	
Library Supplies	17.88	
Care of cemetery lot	<u>1.50</u>	759.57

Balance - January 1, 1964

U. S. Bonds	3,000.00	
Checking account	72.77	
3 Bond Coupons Dec.'63	37.50	
Cash on hand	<u>6.70</u>	3,116.97

Circulation:	Ascutney	4170
	Perkinsville	704

Books and Magazines Donated:

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jones	Thomas Scribner
Mrs. Ray Harvey	Miss Sharon Orr
Mrs. Sylvia Brogdale	American Medical Association
Mrs. Myrtle Baker	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Follett
Justin Morrill Foundation	Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hitchcock
Miss Mary Ayers	Winston Prouty
Mrs. George Johnson	American Petroleum Institute
Steven Maxham	Tommy Stapleton
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Butterfield	The Andrew Titcomb Family
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Geehan	Mrs. Maude Farnsworth
Mrs. Corrinne Jarvis	Mrs. Raymond Zigman
Mr. and Mrs. John Wright	Mrs. Anna Billings Clark

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT - 1963

In spite of a very dry season the annual care of the thirteen cemeteries in town was carried on as usual.

The spring cleanup at Greenbush was done as for the past few years by the 4H Clubs of Amsden and Greenbush under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Robert Smith. Some fallen head stones were also set up by this group and Edwin Williams.

The Hubbard Cemetery at the Bow had all brush removed and had a thorough cleanup by Philip Butterfield.

All evergreens at the Bow Cemetery were sprayed at no expense to the town as the cost was paid by the Bow Cemetery Association. No special work was done at Ascutney or the Plain except the west gate at the Plain was widened because of snow plow damage. The cost was paid by the Plain Cemetery Association with a small amount by the town.

You will see in the warning for Town Meeting a bequest of \$10,000. from Mrs. Grace Hicks, the income of which is to be spent only at the Plain Cemetery which we believe is the largest in town.

The Commissioners appreciate this bequest very much.

You will also see an article in the warning about selling lots at the Grout Cemetery, which we hope you will vote on favorably.

Andrew C. Titcomb
Grace Stevens
Clarence H. Martin
Louise W. Covell
Claude T. Butterfield
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

WEATHERSFIELD HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1963

In 1963 the following communicable diseases from Weathersfield were reported to your Health Officer: Chicken Pox - 2 cases.

Made visits and received telephone calls to people requiring water sample bottles and information regarding water supplies. (Mrs. Howard Johnson)

In the past several foxes have been found to be rabid in the northern areas of Vermont. Experience with rabies in other places indicates that it will probably spread throughout our state. Up to the present the disease has been limited largely to foxes, but rabies has spread to other animals. Dog vaccination has been encouraged because many dogs come in contact with both foxes and people. Therefore, a dog vaccination is really protection for humans.

Some precautions which you should take are:

1. Vaccinate your dog or dogs against rabies (now necessary for licensing).
2. Reduce the fox and skunk population as they are vectors.
3. Dispose of refuse and garbage properly so that it will not attract stray animals.
4. Board up openings under buildings which might give refuge to foxes and skunks.

VERMONT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNUAL TOWN REPORT, 1963

This is a report to the people of WEATHERSFIELD describing the health services which they have received during 1963 (October 1, 1962-September 30, 1963). These services have been planned carefully so that maximum benefit may be gained from each tax dollar. For instance, one clinic may serve many towns if the number of patients is small. On the other hand, when a service is needed in a town, we make every attempt to provide it. The understanding of how your health department serves your town is valuable information for you to have. Any time which you spend studying this report will be most well spent.

I invite you to discuss this report with your friends and health officer, and I would welcome any impressions which you care to forward to me.

The list of services to the town of WEATHERSFIELD is as follows:

Number served at Child Health Examinations	218
Nutrition, dietary consultations to institutions, groups, individuals	-
Pediatric consultations for Child Health problems	-
Number of children given diagnostic service at hospitals	-
Number of children aided at handicapped children's clinics for speech and hearing orthopedic, plastic, neurological, cardiac problems	3
Number of children financially aided with hospitalization	-
Number of children served by mental retardation clinics	-
People x-rayed for tuberculosis detection	11
DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping-cough) immunizations	144
Polio immunizations (Salk injection or Sabin oral) at clinics	999
Number of water samples tested (private and public supplies)	48
Food and dairy products tested	-
Blood specimens (pre-marital, pre-natal and other)	20
Other laboratory specimens	6
Sanitary inspections, consultations (food and lodging, camps)	45
Water, sewage, disposal, public building and other inspections	12
People x-rayed for occupational diseases	6
Hospital and nursing home inspections and consultations	-
Dental health education, number of children served in schools	-
Number served by tumor clinics	3
Public Health Nurse home visits	338
Number served by Public Health Nurse visits	130

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. Aiken, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner of Health

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
MONTPELIER, VERMONT

This twenty-eighth in the series of annual reports submitted to the people of WEATHERSFIELD presents tabulations for the calendar year 1963. In the Department of Social Welfare's program of assistance to the aged, blind or disabled 30% of the costs of hospital and physician services, as well as the excess over \$80.00 per month in Nursing Home care, are assessed against the town of settlement of the recipients of such care. Participation charges incurred by your community during the past year for each of these types of care were as follows:

Nursing Home Care	\$1129.50
Hospitalization Services	113.89
Physician Services	7.20

Under similar settlement provisions town participation in the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children is at the rate of one-eighth the assistance grants while costs incurred for the care of Committed Children are borne equally by the local and state agencies. Charges assessed against your community for the former amounted to \$688.40.

During 1963 assistance was granted to three residents in your community under the Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled program. Direct money payments to these persons were financed entirely out of state-federal funds. Among the other programs financed from these same sources were Services for the Blind, Adoption Services and Medical Aid for the Aged. While no town-by-town records are compiled for these categories, their benefits were available to all qualified residents.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Wackerman
Commissioner of Social Welfare

REPORTS OF CONSTABLES

Again this year, no bill has been presented to the town for my duties performed in many capacities. As in the previous years of late, I note an increase in the expected results, expected from me as your Peace Officer. I found that there were townspeople who did not feel satisfied until I officiated at house fires in my capacity as an Officer of the Law. I still do not know whether it was for protection or moral support. At any rate, they were satisfied when they knew that I was there.

A new State law requirement pertaining to dogs is the Anti-Rabies Vaccination program. It is my understanding that no dog is to be licensed that has not had its Rabies Shot and directly in line with that is the requirement that the veterinary giving the dog the shot must supply a certificate to the dog owner, who in turn must present it to the dog tax collector, before the license can be issued. I honestly believe that there will be dogs around that will have to be disposed of, as not being immunized from this disease.

More patrolling is required in the Flood Control Area, where more and more public facilities are not to be used for night parts that involve unchaperoned mixed groups of teenagers. The grounds are closed to the general public, unless they carry a permit from the official; after eight o'clock at night.

Automobile traffic and speeds are on the increase. Our village streets are being hazarded by these numbers of fast travelers. Heavy loaded vehicles must be regulated and checked.

I have answered many calls for these and many other problems during the year. Emergency problems seem to be my specialty and I try to expedite as quickly as possible, any accident.

Richard A. Connor, First Constable

My duties as second constable have consisted of the following: Retrieved many deer from the highway, directed traffic (until wrecker service arrived), helped game warden dispose of deer, caught several stolen vehicles, was responsible for apprehending several other stolen vehicles, made several emergency trips to hospitals, wrote three hundred and twenty-one traffic warnings, arrested several of the more serious ones, (a few at over 100 m.p.h.), was directly responsible for the arrest of several made by out-of-town police and state police, officiated at many accidents, assisted state police in several, investigated fourteen B & E of both private and public places, apprehended three escapes from Manchester Industrial School, helped to locate and retrieve the body of a drowning victim, policed and directed traffic at movies, dances, fires, weddings, auctions, funerals and many other public affairs, worked with humane society on several complaints.

As second constable I remain available to the public day and night.

Robert Z. Gale, Second Constable

FOREST FIRE REPORT FROM PERKINSVILLE, VT.

I am very glad to report that the people in Perkinsville are very fire conscious and report any smoke or fire immediately.

We had one fire in a hollow tree evidently started by a hunter.

Persons wishing to buy fire pumps can do so for about two-thirds of the retail price by ordering them through the warden.

You are urged to be very careful about your incinerators, be very sure that there is no inflammable material nearby.

John T. Connor

District Forest Fire Warden

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

1963 has been a very dry and hazardous year for forest fires. Your warden wishes to thank all those including the citizenry for the extreme care in preventing forest fires as well as cooperating in suppressing fires which did occur. It is gratifying to note that the fires which did break out were quickly brought under control and potentialities greatly lowered.

There were two small fires quickly squelched causing less than \$100.00 expense. One fire on Ascutney Mountain was quickly brought under control with help of Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department, but due to extreme draught conditions had to be watched for a few days. This brought the expense up, but this fire had a very great potential and only for the lack of wind was confined to a comparative small area.

State fire records show that although the number of fires increased in Oct. from 15 to 100, the total acreage burned was 10% less than ten year average. This indicates that the wardens hit the fires hard and fast and that we stayed with them until they were out.

State of Vermont's fire record continues to be the best in the United States.

Your warden might add that the use of radio communication had a great deal to do with controlling the first on Ascutney Mountain.

It is hoped and planned that the Ascutney Volunteer Department will have a tank truck in the near future to transport water where needed. Also note that the Fire Department has installed a hydrant at the pond in back of Martin Motor Co. on Rt. 131. This Fire Department deserves a lot of credit this year for activities and accomplishments.

Again thanks to every one participating.

Perry I. Bliss, Fire Warden

John Cameron, Deputy Warden

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN WEATHERSFIELD, VERMONT - 1963

M A R R I A G E S

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date	Place of Marriage
Alton Ward Amidon	Weathersfield	Valentine Erica Roberts	S. Peacham, Vt.	Jan. 19	Bradford, Vt.
Nils Conrad Lundgren	Claremont, N.H.	Joyce Stoughton Brown	Weathersfield	June 1	Windsor, Vt.
Eugene J. Stocker	Ascutney	Marjorie A. Tyrrell	Cavendish, Vt.	June 8	Ludlow, Vt.
Francis Morris Lambert	Springfield, Vt.	Jeanette Ellen Hill	Weathersfield	June 15	Springfield, Vt.
Douglas Lee Curtis	Weathersfield	Peggy Lou Barrett	Weathersfield	June 15	Windsor, Vt.
Arthur T. Monteith	Weathersfield	Phyllis J. Jenks	Windsor	June 29	Springfield, Vt.
Robert Sherwood Howe	Hartland	Beverly Ann Bradish	Weathersfield	Aug. 24	Weathersfield Ctr.
Douglas Arthur Green	Weathersfield	Carolyn Rose Watkins	Springfield	Sept. 28	Weathersfield Ctr.
Thomas Stephen Bishop	Springfield	Mabel Eleanor Brown	Perkinsville	Oct. 19	Springfield, Vt.
Ronald Ervin Holden	Weathersfield	Carol Susan Currier	Springfield	Nov. 2	Perkinsville
Paul Winston Stocker	Weathersfield	Theresa Irene Gray	Weathersfield	Nov. 9	Ascutney
Richard Jacobs Hoisington	Weathersfield	Michigan Kroll Hoisington	Weathersfield	Dec. 25	Windsor
Anthony Joseph Daniels	Weathersfield	Patricia Ann Wilson	Brattleboro, Vt.	Dec. 28	Brattleboro

B I R T H S

Name of Child	Sex	Birth Date	Place of Birth	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Mark John Horton	M	Jan. 21	Springfield	Perkinsville	Raymond W. Horton	Bertha Etta Stoughton
Thomas Philip Gerety	M	Mar. 8	Springfield	Perkinsville	Philip F. Gerety	Dawn Virginia Hoisington
Dale Ronald Porter	M	Mar. 11	Windsor	Weathersfield	Palmer C. Porter	Beverly Elaine Jarvis
Michael John Russell	M	Mar. 17	Windsor	Ascutney	Gerald L. Russell	Prudence Eva Stillson
Pauline Agnes Jarvis	F	May 7	Windsor	Weathersfield	Paul D. Jarvis	Mary Evelyn Desrosiers
Kent Joseph Powers	M	May 12	Windsor	Weathersfield	Delbert W. Powers	Ann Hunt Sweeney
Patricia Marie Cook	F.	May 22	Springfield	Perkinsville	Clarence O. Cook	Goldie J. Ploof
Elwin Elbert Smead, Jr.	M	May 24	Windsor	Weathersfield	Elwin E. Smead, Sr.	Norma Lorraine Jarvis

D E A T H S						
Name	Sex	Age	Date	Place of Death	Residence	Place of Burial
Donald Tylar Mellish	M	June 6	Springfield	Perkinsville	Fred R. Mellish	Dolores Diane Davis
Melody May Carton	F	June 6	Windsor	Ascutney	Robert Joseph Carton	Olive Diantha Marston
Steven Dana Ambrose	M	June 24	Springfield	Perkinsville	Lawrence A. Ambrose	Mildred Elinor Williams
Pamela Lois Cann	F	July 18	Springfield	Weathersfield	Roald Cann	Lois Estelle Jenkins
Alexander Whitney Connor	M	July 21	Springfield	Weathersfield	Arthur T. Connor	Rebecca Frances Woodbury
Wyatt Cal McAllister	M	Sept. 4	Windsor	Weathersfield	Glenford A. McAllister	Ruth May Butterfield
Jeffrey Allen Lemire	M	Sept. 8	Windsor	Ascutney	Dennis W. Lemire	Betty Marie Becker
Michael Don Gray	M	Oct. 7	Windsor	Ascutney	Everett G. Gray	Irene Ethel Lurvey
Sue Ellen LaVigne	F	Oct. 16	Windsor	Ascutney	Stanton L. LaVigne	Ann Louise Curtis
Max Alan Emery	M	Nov. 17	Springfield	Perkinsville	Max E. Emery, Jr.	Joyce Maude King
Raymond W. Harvey	M	64	Jan. 19	Windsor	Ascutney	Ascutney Cem., Windsor, Vt.
Gertrude G. Cole	F	88	Jan. 25	Waterbury	Ascutney	Ascutney Cem., Windsor, Vt.
Olive Freeman Howe	F	80	Feb. 8	Springfield	Weathersfield	Ascutney Cem., Windsor, Vt.
Helen Irene Seeley	F	54	Mar. 24	Weathersfield	Weathersfield Bow	Prospect Cem., Middlebury, Vt.
Kenneth Renfrew Jones	M	74	Apr. 17	Windsor	Ascutney	Union Cemetery, Claremont, N.H.
Ramon Strong	M	30	Apr. 20	Hanover, N.H.	Windsor, Vt.	Ascutneyville Cem., Ascutneyville
Joseph Cyril Daniels	M	60	May 7	Weathersfield	Weathersfield	Weathersfield Bow Cemetery
Leonard Roy Sargent	M	4	May 26	Newport, N.H.	Weathersfield	Ascutneyville Cem., Ascutneyville
Flora S. Felch	F	81	June 3	Alburg, Vt.	-	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Otto Charles Winestock	M	90	June 18	Richmond, Va.	Richmond, Va.	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Glady's Rogers	F	74	June 22	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Ascutney	Mt. Auburn Crem., Cambridge, Mass.
Carter Wayne Hubbard	M	10	July 9	Weathersfield	Colebrook, N.H.	Colebrook Village Cemetery
Virginia S. R. Hunt	F	87	July 11	Springfield	Springfield, Vt.	Weathersfield Bow Cemetery
Karen Howe	F	11 mo.	July 18	Claremont, N. H.	-	Ascutneyville Cem., Ascutney
George O. Phillips	M	67	July 26	Springfield	Weathersfield	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Mary C. Bradish	F	50	Aug. 15	Springfield	Weathersfield	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Emma Mary Paquin	F	76	Sept. 24	Chester, Vt.	Weathersfield	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Clarence Burnham	M	62	Oct. 20	Hanover, N.H.	-	Plain Cemetery, Perkinsville
Lloyd Strong	M	75	Oct. 23	Hartford, Vt.	Windsor, Vt.	Ascutneyville Cem., Ascutney
Gerald J. Gardner	M	68	Dec. 15	Springfield, Vt.	Weathersfield	Ascutneyville Cem., Ascutney

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL FUND

R E C E I P T S

	1963 <u>Actual</u>	1964 <u>Estimate</u>
Balance	\$ 1,616.20	31.59
Loan Building Fund	4,025.51	
State Aid	27,859.55	27,500.00
Taxes	88,053.62	108,070.41
Reimbursement of Flood Dam Losses	5,667.53	4,400.00
Bus Fares	1,048.22	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	420.65	200.00
Total	<u>\$128,691.28</u>	<u>\$141,202.00</u>

E X P E N S E S

Administration		
Salaries	3,195.68	3,728.00
Other	349.63	400.00
Educational Consultant		420.00
Instruction		
Teachers' Salaries	46,750.96	50,500.00
Books	1,896.28	2,300.00
Supplies	1,842.02	2,700.00
Health Services	159.16	350.00
Transportation	10,155.07	10,200.00
Operation of Plant		
Salaries	2,291.39	2,500.00
Contracted Services		300.00
Heat	2,663.03	2,800.00
Electricity	1,645.50	2,000.00
Telephone	332.42	350.00
Supplies	526.61	500.00
Maintenance of Plant	1,935.45	2,000.00
Fixed Charges: Social Security		348.00
Insurance	1,506.91	1,515.00
Interest - current loans	1,185.92	1,200.00
Other	28.89	50.00
Equipment	803.60	815.00
(Additional desks, tables, chairs)		
Tuition	42,179.17	48,200.00
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 119,447.69</u>	<u>\$ 133,226.00</u>
Debt Service		
Old Loan	4,900.00	4,810.00
New Loan	4,312.00	3,216.00
Total	<u>\$ 128,659.69</u>	<u>\$ 141,202.00</u>

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEATHERSFIELD SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Enrollments:		<u>1962-1963</u>	<u>1963-1964</u>
Elementary Pupils in Town		246	282
Out of Town		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		246	282

High School Pupils:

School	Year	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>PG</u>	<u>Total</u>
Windsor	1962	17	7	11	5	1	41
	1963	9	11	15	6	0	41
Springfield	1962	14	12	11	11	0	48
	1963	17	15	13	12	0	57
Other	1962	1	0	0	1	2	4
	1963	0	0	0	1	0	1

Elementary Enrollment Distribution:

<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
Amsden	1962	7	4	5	4	2				22
	1963	6	7	0	5	5				23
Ascutney	1962	14	9	13	17	11	16	10	11	101
	1963	20	15	21	18	27	13	20	9	143
Marsh	1962	3	6	4	6					19
	1963	Temporarily closed								0
Perkinsville	1962	7	10	18	12	14	14	17	12	104
	1963	13	8	16	15	14	18	14	18	116

The teachers in our schools are now:

Amsden (Grades 1, 2, 4, 5)	Mrs. Evelyn McCoy
Ascutney (Grades 1 and 2)	Mrs. Vera Johnson
Ascutney (Grades 2 and 3)	Mrs. Iris Way
Ascutney (Grades 4 and 5)	Mrs. Dorothy Paire
Ascutney (Grades 5 and 6)	Mrs. Grace Stillson
Ascutney (Grades 7 and 8)	Mrs. R. Donald LaPointe, Prin.
Perkinsville (Grades 1 and 2)	Mrs. Marcella Basso
Perkinsville (Grades 3 and 4)	Mrs. M. Virginia Bellows
Perkinsville (Grades 5 and 6)	Mr. Francis Deitz, Acting Prin.
Perkinsville (Grades 7 and 8)	Mrs. Marion Long

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES FOR GRADE SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1962-1963

	<u>Perkinsville</u>	<u>Amsden</u>	<u>Ascutney</u>	<u>Marsh</u>	<u>Total</u>
Average Daily Membership	105.39	22.93	99.51	19.41	247.24
Total Expend.	\$28,898.15	5,592.69	28,520.23	6,248.09	69,259.16
Average Cost per Pupil	274.20	244.33	286.61	321.90	280.13

SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Architect	\$ 5,425.29
Contractor	59,059.88
Kitchen	1,473.79
Interest & Insurance on Bonds	294.84
Adv. and Legal Fees	991.60
Treas. Ser. and Expenses	60.00
Lawn	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL BUILDING COST	\$ 67,405.40
State Aid Already Received	<u>8,850.00</u>
	\$ 58,555.40
Anticipated State Aid	<u>10,861.12</u>
Cost to Town	\$ 47,694.28

ENROLLMENT AND PLANNING

We find our total elementary enrollment has increased 36 pupils, from 246 last year to 282 this year. This has resulted in crowding in several of our classrooms. A census of all pre-school youngsters in our town has just been completed and carefully recorded. The results of this census are being analyzed, applying corrections in accordance with recent experience concerning how many new youngsters move in versus how many present ones move out from year to year. It is already clear that the Marsh School will need to be used next year (as a one or two-grade room of the Ascutney School rather than as a one-room school). It is also highly likely that we will propose construction of additional rooms to be ready by the fall of 1965, probably at the Perkinsville School. This project is currently being studied by a hard-working committee consisting of Melvin Butterfield, Henry Cobb, Barbara Fontaine, Bernard Harriman, Davis Keniston, Addison Minot, Doris Stapleton, Richard Stover, and William Waite. With the help of these people we will report the facts as soon as we have them, and propose a plan of action as soon as we feel adequately prepared to propose the best one possible.

The four School Boards of the Windsor South-East Supervisory Union have been exploring together the possibility that some cooperative school construction and/or operation might permit offering better educational opportunities to our youngsters than is now possible. We have had discussion meetings with the citizens of each of the four towns, and have reached the conclusion that the next step is to have a recognized and experienced educational consultant make a survey of the present and future educational needs of the four towns. From the results of the survey we can determine which needs can best be filled cooperatively, and then propose action to the voters. We have included \$420 in the proposed budget for Weathersfield's share of the cost of such a survey.

PERSONNEL

We have been fortunate that Esther Young was able and willing to fill on a part-time basis (and in Weathersfield only) the vacancy left by the Windsor South-East Supervisory Union School Board's decision not to hire an Elementary Supervisor this year. Esther has been a great help to the teachers and superintendent. There is a possibility that the Supervisory Union will hire a Business Manager next year. If this happens, Superintendent David Eaton will have more time for classroom supervision, Weathersfield will no longer need its own Supervisor, and the money budgeted for the Elementary Supervisor's salary will instead be used for our share of the Business Manager's salary.

To enable our Superintendent to hire the best possible teachers to fill vacancies, and to give our teachers a clearer picture of their future in Weathersfield, we have been developing a salary schedule. This will enable the Superintendent to quote a salary to a prospective teacher without having to lose time (and, in the past at times, the teacher) while checking with the Board. It also will show our teachers how additional studies will be rewarded and what their raises and maximum salary might be. Besides certain automatic raises based on education and experience, merit will also be taken into consideration.

We once again express our appreciation to the people who help us in many ways. The Parent Teacher groups support and operate the hot lunch programs, administer the student accident insurance program, donate equipment and labor to the classrooms and playgrounds, and help with such projects as census taking. Our teachers and janitors and bus drivers should be thanked not only for doing their regular jobs well but also for doing the little extra things which every once in a while are made necessary by heating or plumbing or other troubles unique to a small rural school system like ours.

CURRICULUM

We are steadily improving the curriculum offered in our schools. Text books are being updated where advisable, workshops in new techniques are being arranged for our teachers, and a small amount of physical education is being tried in Perkinsville.

FINANCE

The cafeteria in the basement of the Ascutney addition is in use. The Building Account was able to provide for a sink, a stove, a used steam table, counters and shelves, and kitchen floor tiles. Tables and chairs originally purchased from this account later had to be transferred to the regular account because of additional building expenses such as grading and seeding. When the State Aid on the building is received, we should have about a \$500 balance, which we plan to use for tiling the remainder of the basement floor in order to keep the dust down and to make it possible to clean up spilled food.

The fact that we finished the year with a surplus of \$31.59 out of a total budget of about \$130,000 is the result of both luck and wisdom. Both total receipts and total expenditures were very close to those estimated in the budget; however, the cost of extra books and desks necessitated by the large increase in enrollment just happened to be offset by the lower salary bill resulting from the loss of several experienced teachers.

The proposed budget for 1964 is about \$12,500 higher than actual expenses were in 1963. The major reasons for this are the addition of a teacher and some desks and books caused by the need to re-open the Marsh School, and an increase in the number of High School students and in the High School tuition charges (\$450 Windsor, probably \$500 Springfield).

At the time of writing of this report, it appears likely that about 2 acres of flat land on the northern boundary of the Ascutney School lot will be placed on the market soon. We feel that it is very important that the Town School District try to buy this land. The present 7.7 acre lot will qualify for Building State Aid only to a building capacity of about 200 students. Our present building, filled just about to capacity, is accommodating 143 students. At our present rate of growth we would run out of land in a few years, and it would be unfortunate if at that time the school lot is hemmed in. The additional 2 acres would qualify us for Building State Aid to a building capacity of about 300 students. We estimate the value of this 2-acre parcel at somewhat over \$1000, and we are therefore requesting an additional .05 on the tax rate to enable us to try to purchase this land.

On the basis of a grand list of \$22,000 excluding flood dam losses, we expect to meet all expenses with the following tax rate:

all operation, including debt service	\$4.91
purchase of 2-acre parcel in Ascutney	.05
Total	<u>\$4.96</u>

W A R N I N G
WEATHERSFIELD TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1964

The legal voters of the Town of Weathersfield and Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in Weathersfield, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 3 A.D. 1964 at 10:00 A.M. to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator and a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. Shall licenses for sale of malt or vinous beverages be granted in this Town? Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?

The vote under this article shall be by ballot and the ballot box shall be open at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 3:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 1963.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen and the School Directors to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Town Treasurer, in lieu of the statutory 1%, a straight salary of \$2,400.00 for the year which will include travel expenses and to pay other town officers \$1.25 an hour and \$.08 a mile for travel on town business.

ARTICLE 6. To elect Town and School Officers for the year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$800.00 for the Proctor Library and the Perkinsville Branch; \$50.00 of this sum to be used for the purchase of books to be added to the War Memorial Library.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to print in the Town Report the names of delinquent taxpayers and amounts due from each.

ARTICLE 9. To see what amount the Town will authorize the School Directors to pay for secondary tuition for the school year 1964-1965.

ARTICLE 10. Will the Town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase, land for a Municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$50.00 from Mrs. John Peto to be added to the trust fund already accepted for the perpetual care of the Joshua Upham lot at the Plain Cemetery.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$10,000. from the Estate of Grace N. Hicks, the income from which only shall be used for the care and improvement of the Plain Cemetery.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$50.00 from Erna Polle for a trust fund for the perpetual care of the Polle lot in the Plain Cemetery.

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ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to sell burial lots in the Grout Cemetery, the proceeds to be paid into the Town treasury, in trust, and the income thereof used for the perpetual care of such lots.

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ARTICLE 15. Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000. to be used in conjunction with State Funds for construction on the Center Roads. (These funds if voted to be matched by the State, their share being \$4,000.00.)

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ARTICLE 16. Will the Town vote the sum of \$1,000.00 for resealing and repair of approximately 1 mile of black top on the Center and the Mountain Roads. (These funds if voted to be matched by the State their share being \$2,000.00).

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ARTICLE 17. Will the Town instruct the auditors of the Town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the auditor of accounts as provided for in this section and sections 1693-1697 of this title to conduct an audit of the accounts of the Town?

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ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 4% discount on all taxes paid prior to becoming delinquent.

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ARTICLE 19. To see what tax rate the Town will vote to pay the current expenses of said Town for the ensuing year.

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ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes in the manner provided by statute:

To pay taxes to Town Treasurer.

To have poll taxes due May 15 and delinquent after May 31.

To have real and personal taxes due August 1 and delinquent after November 1.

To charge interest on delinquent taxes at the rate of one-half per cent per month or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint a Zoning Commission who shall prepare a preliminary zoning plan.

ARTICLE 22. Proposal of Amendment to State Constitution.

Shall the following proposal of amendment to the Constitution of Vermont be ratified and adopted?

That section 64 of Chapter II of the Constitution be amended to read:

Section 64. Laws for the encouragement of virtue and prevention of vice and immorality ought to be constantly kept in force, and duly executed; and a competent number of schools ought to be maintained in each town unless the general assembly permits other provisions for the convenient instruction of youth. All religious societies, or bodies of men that might be united or incorporated for the advancement of religion and learning, or for other pious and charitable purposes, shall be encouraged and protected in the enjoyment of the privileges, immunities, and estates, which they in justice ought to enjoy, under such regulations as the general assembly of this state shall direct.

The vote under this article shall be by ballot and the ballot box will be open at 10:00 A.M.

ARTICLE 23. To transact any other business necessary and proper.

Dated at Weathersfield, Vermont

February 12 A.D. 1964

Irving A. McCoy
Philip H. Woodbury
Delmer M. Kelley

Selectmen of
Weathersfield, Vermont

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DOG LICENSES ISSUED 1963

By April 1st

139 males	@ \$2.00	\$278.00
68 spayed females	@ \$2.00	136.00
41 females	@ \$6.00	246.00
1 kennel License	@ \$30.00	30.00

After April 1st

22 males	@ \$3.00	66.00
8 spayed females	@ \$3.00	24.00
5 females	@ \$9.00	<u>45.00</u>

284 licenses \$825.00

Fees to Clerk

284 @ 25¢	71.00
To Town Treasurer	<u>\$754.00</u>

A REMINDER WHEN LICENSING DOGS FOR 1964

DUE BY APRIL 1, 1964

This is the first year a RABIES IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE has been required when licensing dogs in Vermont, so please remember to send or bring the RABIES IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE when licensing your dog.

The new law reads: Title 20 section 4003. Immunization. Beginning in 1964 immunization against rabies shall be compulsory for all dogs three months of age or older. A town clerk shall not issue a license for any dog three months of age or older, unless the owner of such dog shall first present a certificate signed by a registered veterinarian, stating that such dog has, within three years, been vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the Department of Agriculture in 1963, No. 48, 3, eff. April 19, 1963.

Many people secure their dog licenses by mail. Mail old license, Rabies Immunization Certificate and remittance to: Weathersfield Town Clerk, Perkinsville, Vermont before April 1st.

Dogs should be licensed as soon as four months of age. The fees for late licensing are fifty percent more. A spaying certificate is required to license a dog as a spayed female.

The Town Office in Perkinsville is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. excepting on holidays.

Elizabeth G. Murray, Town Clerk

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